



DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION
DIVISION OF HEALTH PROGRAMS

Milwaukee County

General Assistance – Medical Program

November 11, 2008

Dear GAMP Provider,

The State of Wisconsin has obtained a Federal Waiver to offer Medicaid coverage to adults who do not have children or do not have minor children in their care. This new benefit is called the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults. With the existence of the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults, GAMP will no longer need to operate.

GAMP will be closing on December 31, 2008.

This letter is meant to outline some of the key elements of the plan, inform you of the timeline for the conversion of GAMP clients to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults, offer you some tools to assist your patients and help you complete your billing with GAMP. Also, we have enclosed a copy of the letter that will be sent to all current GAMP Clients.

There are several advantages for the GAMP clients who are automatically transitioned to the BadgerCare Plus Core Plan for Childless Adults, including:

- Being grandfathered to receive some types of brand-name medications that otherwise will not be covered by the new program.
- Auto-enrollment in the new program without having to apply or pay the \$60 enrollment fee.

Because of the advantages of this auto-enrollment, the County has begun several enrollment initiatives to maximize the number of GAMP clients before the transition. These initiatives include:

1. GAMP clients who applied in May or June have had their eligibility segments extended to December 31, 2008. They will not need to renew their eligibility before the conversion. You will see these new dates in McClears.
2. The \$50 GAMP application fee will be waived from November 10, 2008 for all applications received in our office by 4:00 p.m. Friday, December 26. Applications received after this date will not be eligible for conversion to the new program.
3. Thirteen community "Snap Application" sites have been set up to accept GAMP applications. Staff at these sites will be able to assess eligibility for GAMP and other programs, assist clients with providing the necessary verification and file a complete application. These sites should be able to handle the additional volume of clients and ensure the approval of the application.
4. As of November 8, all GAMP staff will be located at the GAMP administrative office at 1220 W. Vliet Street, to process applications submitted by the sites.

As a provider you may still accept and submit GAMP applications from your patients and submit documentation for redeterminations until December 26, 2008. The applications must be received at the GAMP office by the December 26th conversion deadline.

GAMP clients will remain eligible for enrollment in and services from GAMP through December 31, 2008. Providers may bill for these services through May 31, 2009. We encourage you to complete your billing early to ensure you are paid. All GAMP administrative functions, including claims appeals will end June 30, 2009.

Please review the enclosed information carefully. Your patients may have several questions about utilizing your office or clinic services during this transition. As a certified BadgerCare Plus provider, you will be offered training from the Department of Health on December 11 to help you with the transition. The Department of Health Services will give you additional details (including the training location, time, and how to sign up) in a Provider Update.

Feel free to contact the GAMP administrative team at 414-289-5700 if you have further questions.

Sincerely,

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